



# MEDIA ADVISORY

STATE OF TENNESSEE  
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**  
AUGUST 27, 2013

CONTACT: CHRISTOPHER GARRETT AT  
[CHRISTOPHER.GARRETT@TN.GOV](mailto:CHRISTOPHER.GARRETT@TN.GOV) OR DEVIN STONE  
AT [DEVIN.STONE@TN.GOV](mailto:DEVIN.STONE@TN.GOV)  
(615) 313-4707 (OFFICE)

## **Tenn. Rehabilitation Center commencement to celebrate achievements Friday**

**WHAT:** More than 50 determined men and women with disabilities who have worked to overcome significant challenges are set to graduate from the Tennessee Rehabilitation Center (TRC) in Smyrna on Friday morning. The graduates hail from across the state, representing 35 counties. Kelly Savage of Pro Charging Systems will deliver the commencement address. She will share the podium with student speaker, Justin Woods, who recently completed the Business Education training program. Woods was chosen for his enthusiasm, ambition and eagerness to stand before his fellow students and share words of encouragement.

While at TRC, the students, under the guidance and supervision of a multi-disciplinary staff, have received a wide variety of services to better equip them to enter Tennessee's workforce and to experience better qualities of life. The students are trained on a range of vocational skills from food service, auto detailing to work-behavior instruction, physical and occupational therapy and independent-living skills training. The programs at TRC offer students the skills and confidence needed to create a new beginning for themselves.

**WHEN:** Friday, August 30, 2013 at 10 a.m.

**WHERE:** Tennessee Rehabilitation Center gymnasium  
460 Ninth Ave.  
Smyrna, Tenn. 37167 (near the National Guard barracks)

**MORE:** The Tennessee Rehabilitation Center is a State-operated, comprehensive rehabilitation facility, one of only eight such centers in the nation. Services are provided on campus, and the majority of clients live on site while enrolled in TRC programs. The lengths of programs offered at the TRC vary, depending upon clients' interests, abilities and needs. More than 1,000 individuals with disabilities are served annually. Since the center opened in 1977, the TRC has served more than 32,000 of these Tennesseans.

TRC is a part of the Division of Rehabilitation Services at the Tennessee Department of Human Services. For more information, please visit our website at <http://tn.gov/humanserv/rehab/trc.html>.

###

CITIZENS PLAZA, 15TH FLOOR  
400 DEADERICK STREET  
NASHVILLE, TN 37248  
615.313.4700